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FOLLOWING METULA 18 WAS COMPILED FROM MESSAGES RECEIVED BY THIS
EMBASSY
FROM COMMANDER THIRD NAVAL ZONE, CHILEAN NAVY, PUNTA ARENAS AND
FORWARDED FOR YOUR INFORMATION:

METULA SITREP 18

AS OF 181023Z SEPT 74:

1. AERIAL OBSERVATION BY CHILEAN NAVY OF ENTIRE AREA METULA
PRESENTS FOLLOWING SITUATION: OIL PATCHES HALF WAY FROM SECOND
NARROWING TO DUNGENES POINT. LARGEST CONCENTRATION OF OIL ALONG
COAST HALF WAY UP, EAST BAHIA POSESION TO DUNGENES AND THE COAST OF
CATALINA POINT, WITH OIL INCREASING ON BEACHES. DEFINITE OIL
PATCHES FLOWING OUT TO ATLANTIC IN SMALL QUANTITIES. SMALL
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QUANTITIES OF OIL SOUTHWEST OF SECOND NARROWING.

2. USCG ABOARD METULA REPORTS SMALL OIL SEEPAGE ON 17 SEPT.

3. SALVAGE OPS TEAM CONFIRMS REFLOAT OPERATION WILL TAKE PLACE ON 21 SEPT BETWEEN 0700 AND 1100 HOURS LOCAL. METULA WILL THEN BE TOWED TO BAHIA FELIPE AS REPORTED EARLIER.

4. USCG ABOARD METULA REPORT SIGNS OF SMALL OIL SEEPAGE ON 18 SEPT. TRANSFER OF OIL FROM DAMAGED TO UNDAMAGED TANKS CONTINUES.

5. MR BUTT, WITH MR & MRS TEXERA, ZOOLOGIST AND ORNITHOLOGIST, RESPECTIVELY, WHO WORK FOR PATAGONIAN INSTITUTE ARE ABOARD SMIT SALVOR TO INVESTIGATE OIL DAMAGES TO FOWL COLONIES OF ISLANDS MAGDALENA AND MATA, WHICH ACCORDING TO THEM, WILL NOT BE SERIOUSLY AFFECTED PROVIDING THAT OIL DOES NOT FLOW SOUTHWEST OF SECOND NARROWING AND METULA STOPS SEEPING OIL.
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